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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau, Los Angeles, and Sacramento is one copy each of two letters addressed to JAMES EARL RAY, described as follows:

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#1 letter postmarked 8/28/68 at [redacted] Cal., from [redacted] Goleta, California;

#2 letter postmarked 9/5/68 at [redacted] Cal., from [redacted] Clements, California.

These letters were made available to the Memphis Division on 9/9/68 by [redacted] Memphis, Tenn., PD, [redacted]

Both of these letters are self explanatory and from the contents it appears that [redacted] and RAY may have been acquainted with each other sometime in the past.

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LOS ANGELES

AT GOLETA, CALIFORNIA

Unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, will identify the [redacted] and review indices and identify [redacted]

SACRAMENTO

AT CLEMENTS, CALIFORNIA

Unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, will review indices and conduct necessary investigation in an attempt to identify [redacted]

MEMPHIS

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Will maintain contact with [redacted] Shelby County Sheriff's Department, pending receipt by the Sheriff's Department of any additional mail from [redacted] addressed to JAMES EARL RAY.

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-28861)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

2 letters

Ref: MM airtel, 9/9/68

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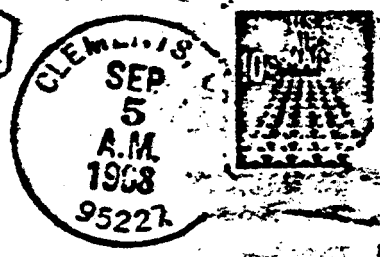

Air Mail

James EARL RAY
Memphis County Jail
Memphis Tennessee

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"Air Mail"

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Air Mail

James—

Just a shot note to let you know how things are going. I wrote you another letter but put the wrong town down. (Dumb luck?) So that's way I'm writting you now. Things are pretty well about the same here as before. When will you be going to court?—

I hear you have a pretty good lawyer. Don't forget that there are alot of people behind you. And that you are still in the "south". I was down in a small town in Santa Barbara then I jump here to Stockton. Might go to Australia if things keep going bad. I know that you must

feel pretty down an out now" but believe in that all things are going to be alright. Are you aloud visitors there? If so I may come to "Memphis" for about a week and see you (OK)? Do you want me to do anything for you or get you anything. Just let me know. I'm going to Frisco Monday for a few days, just to take in the sites. My mom wont look to Alvin to visit her folks. I guess they are not going to live much longer.

You clicd the right thing, it just failed. Maybe RW will be easier. Well I'm going to have to go. Let me know Bob

thing are going and
let me know if how
things are working
and if you need any
thing write soon.
Dee

ADDRESS
[redacted]
Clemcott, California.

[redacted]
Goleta, California
93017

James Earl Ray
~~Nashville County~~ Jail
~~Nashville~~, Tennessee
Memphis

Air Mail

Air Mail

8-27-68

James-

I hope things are going well for you, considering the surrounding you are in. They have kept everything pretty well quiet about your trial. I can imagine the treatment they have been giving you? (No tea party I guess).

The weather out here in California is quite sunny and cloudy at times. If there is anything you want or want me to get you, I will get it to you as soon as possible.

I was wondering if they let you read the paper there. There are quite

a few people out here
rooting in your corner
for you. I'm sure you
will win an acquittal.

If you are short of
funds I will send you
money for cigarettes, candy,
books etc. (How about a
cold bun). I guess things
are pretty gloomy in there
I hope this letter makes
you feel a lot better.

I would like to
hear from you
and let me know if
you need anything. Take
it easy and don't worry
about anything. Write soon

[redacted]

P.S. My address is on the back.

September 12, 1968

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE URGENT

1 - Mr. Long

REC 4 TO: SACs, LOS ANGELES AND SACRAMENTO

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) — 5166

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS AIRTEL TO THE BUREAU DATED SEPTEMBER NINE, LAST.

IDENTIFICATION OF [redacted] AND [redacted] SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH CHECK OF OFFICE INDICES, POLICE DEPARTMENT AND CREDIT BUREAU RECORDS. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW [redacted] OR CONDUCT ACTIVE INVESTIGATION.

IDENTIFICATION RECORD FOR ONE [redacted] FBI NUMBER [redacted] WITH LAST ENTRY RECORDING ARREST BY POLICE DEPARTMENT POMONA, CALIFORNIA, NUMBER [redacted] ON SEPTEMBER [redacted] ON CHARGES OF INTOX, POMONA TRAFFIC WARRANT, RESIST ARREST AND DISPOSITION OF "GUILT NINE DAYS" WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU UNDER SEPARATE COVER. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THIS INDIVIDUAL IS IDENTICAL. IDENTIFICATION RECORD OF [redacted] DOES NOT LIST ANY PLACE OF INCARCERATION WITH THAT OF SUBJECT RAY.

2 - AIRMAIL (COURIER TYPE 1967)

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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

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NOTE:

Memphis has transmitted to us copies of two separate letters addressed to James Earl Ray as made available by [redacted] of the Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department who is in charge of the security of James Earl Ray at the Shelby County Jail, Memphis, Tennessee. Letter number one is postmarked 8-22-68 at Goleta, California, from [redacted] and letter number two is postmarked 9-5-68 at [redacted] California, from [redacted] Clements, California. These letters in general offer assistance to subject Ray in the form of financial help and generally are sympathetic towards Ray.

Memphis has instructed Los Angeles and Sacramento to identify the [redacted] and [redacted] and instructions are being given by this teletype to restrict identification through check of office indices, police department and credit Bureau records and not to interview Short. The handwriting in these letters will be examined by our laboratory. Bureau indices negative re [redacted] Identification record of one [redacted] being forwarded to Los Angeles and Sacramento under separate cover, which list numerous arrests from 2-3-68 to 9-29-68.